

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-56, without prejudice toward the further prosecution of these claims in a Continuation and/or Divisional Application.

Please add the following new claims:

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57. (New) A method for suppressing bacterial growth in a blood fraction, comprising adding to a blood fraction a compound selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine, salts of L-carnitine, alkanoyl carnitines, salts of alkanoyl carnitines, and mixtures thereof, in an amount effective to suppress bacterial growth in said blood fraction,

wherein said blood fraction is a platelet concentrate, and wherein said method comprises suspending said platelet concentrate in a support solution which comprises said compound.

58. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said compound is comprised in a support solution in a concentration of 0.25 to 50 mM. - Final concentration?

59. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said compound is comprised in a support solution in a concentration of 1 to 30 mM.

60. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said compound is L-carnitine.

61. (New) The method of Claim 57, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, propionyl L-carnitine, butyryl L-carnitine, isobutyryl L-carnitine, valeryl L-carnitine, and isovaleryl L-carnitine.

62. (New) A method of reducing glycolysis in a blood fraction, comprising adding to a blood fraction a compound selected from the group consisting of L-carnitine, salts of L-carnitine, alkanoyl carnitines, salts of alkanoyl carnitines, and mixtures thereof, in an amount effective to reduce glycolysis in said blood fraction,

wherein said blood fraction is a platelet concentrate, and wherein said method

comprises suspending said platelet concentrate in a support solution which comprises said compound.

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cont. 63. (New) The method of Claim 62, wherein said compound is comprised in a support solution in a concentration of 0.25 to 50 mM.

64. (New) The method of Claim 62, wherein said compound is comprised in a support solution in a concentration of 1 to 30 mM.

65. (New) The method of Claim 62, wherein said compound is L-carnitine.

66. (New) The method of Claim 62, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of acetyl L-carnitine, propionyl L- carnitine, butyryl L-carnitine, isobutyryl L-carnitine, valeryl L-carnitine, and isovaleryl L-carnitine.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-56 and added new Claims 57-66. Support for Claims 57-61 can be found in Claims 37, 41, and 43-46, as originally filed. Support for Claims 62-66 can be found in Claims 47, 51, and 53-56, as originally filed.

No new matter has been added. Claims 57-66 are active in this application.